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Infection In SE Asia

New York, July 8.
The New York Times said in an editorial today that the unrest prevailing in Malaya since the end of the war "seems to be only one manifestation of an infection creeping over all South-East Asia."
The editorial said "in every country there, except the Philippines, militant activities are rapidly increasing. If a chain reaction were to occur among these explosive units the consequences might be grave indeed." — Associated Press.

JET PLANE TO SERVE HONG KONG

Bangkok, July 7.
The first jet-propelled plane to arrive in Siam will land at Don Muang airport this month when the Central Air Transport Corporation, a Chinese Government concern, inaugurates its Shanghai-Bangkok service.
The 2,500-mile flight, with stops at Swatow, Canton, Hong Kong and Saigon, will be made in one day by the CATC's first twin-engine jet-propelled Conquestor, which can travel at a speed of 300 miles per hour.
The Shanghai-Bangkok schedule is being set up by CATC under the provisional civil air agreement recently signed in Nanking by Siamese and Chinese authorities, which provides reciprocal air rights. Under the agreement Siamese airlines can now use airports in China. — United Press.

Britain's Armed Forces

London, July 8.
Britain's armed forces totalled 931,000 on April 1, Defence Ministry A. V. Alexander disclosed today.
In addition to the uniformed 530,000 in the Army, 255,000 in the RAF and 144,000 in the Navy, he advised Parliament the armed forces employed 235,000 civilians directly.
Another 350,000 civilians are working on production research and development for the three services, Mr. Alexander said. — Associated Press.

Smuggling Story Called Fantastic

GROSS EXAGGERATION BY SHANGHAI PAPER

Private circles joined the Hong Kong Government yesterday in denying the charges made in Shanghai by the "China Economist" that the Colony is a centre of speculation and smuggling, with deteriorating influence on China's economy and the livelihood of her people.
"Anyone with inside knowledge of the measures which the Hong Kong Government has taken over the past year to combat smuggling to China must be amazed at the grossly exaggerated statements," said Mr. E. Himsforth, Superintendent of Import and Export Department, at a Press conference yesterday.

Private circles described the allegations as fantastic and reckless reports, intended to divert attention from the overwhelming results of the Chinese Government's own failure in checking the economic landslide even at the expense of indefinitely extending the printing of notes to fill the gaps. It is also intended to besmirk Hong Kong with a view to basing some further demand upon the strained resources of the Colony to help China to stem the tide, said these sources.

Mr. Himsforth said that the Anti-Smuggling Pact between Hong Kong and China has been in force since January. Legislation to implement the Pact has been ready since April. Its submission to the Legislative Council awaits the confirmation of a small point which is at present under negotiation between the British Government and China, added Mr. Himsforth.
He continued that at present Chinese Customs craft are allowed to patrol in British waters. There is exchange of information and the British and Chinese preventive services are working in closest harmony. Mr. Himsforth said that the "attitude of the Hong Kong authorities has always been that smuggling is a disreputable and reprehensible practice which Hong Kong has tried to limit, and while we dislike flight capital coming into the Colony, such

movements of capital and the inflation of currency are movements which, if they are to be controlled effectively, must be controlled within China itself."

Temporary Boom In Industry

Mr. Himsforth added: "The reference to the temporary boom in industry and trade in Hong Kong built up directly at the extent of China's economic deterioration" is completely false and, in point of fact, if, as the writer suggests, Hong Kong has always been and must continue to remain economically a part of China, then Hong Kong should be suffering from the same economic blizzard which has swept across China.

"It is perfectly true that Hong Kong has enjoyed a trade boom since the war. It is also true that Hong Kong has been much more prosperous than China since the war, but what does not appear to be appreciated in Shanghai is that the causes of Hong Kong's prosperity have been its political and financial stability, the spirit of endeavour on the part of the Government to help rather than hinder trade and the sheer hard work on the part of its inhabitants to pull out of the slough into which Hong Kong had been ditched by the Japanese."

Flight Of Capital

"It is incorrect to talk about flight of capital, speculation and smuggling, as if they were all one and the same thing, or as if the existence of any one was responsible for the other two. There has been a flight of capital from China to Hong Kong and elsewhere and these idle funds which have come to Hong Kong can and have exercised an inflationary pressure on our local economy.
"Flight of capital does not mean merely a flight from one country to another. There can be a flight of capital within the country itself as holders of bank deposits move their capital into goods without a cent of actual currency ever leaving the country."

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Noel Coward and Margaret Lockwood try their hand at skittles at the Theatrical Garden Party held at Roshampton on June 29. (A. P. Photo)

Blockade Of Berlin Taking Effect

Berlin, July 8.
The Soviet-imposed hunger blockade of Berlin today forced the American, British and French Military Government authorities to cut drastically transportation and electric power facilities of their sectors of the strangled city.

Colonel Frank Howley, Commander of the United States sector of Berlin, appealed to the German population to "cheerfully stand up to these privations and bear in mind that freedom and democracy have always been purchased by struggle and suffering."

He then announced restrictions which will:
1. Eliminate all overhead railway service which normally handled 40 per cent of Berlin's transport.
2. Limit the tram and underground service from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.
3. Only four hours of electricity—two hours in the morning and two in the evening—to the Western sectors' 2,500,000 Germans.

4. Cut certain small industries of all power and current consumption by all but the most vital utilities and industries.
5. Limit electricity to occupation personnel to two periods a day—from 6 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. except Saturdays when a one-hour extension will be allowed.

The restriction on transportation will make it virtually impossible for many Germans to get to and from their homes. Numerous industries and businesses admittedly will be forced to close.

Colonel Howley, announcing the crippling restrictions, planted the blame squarely on the Soviet Military Administration.

SHANGHAI BRITON CHARGED

Shanghai, July 8.
Jack Turner, 46-year-old British mechanical engineer, was charged in the district court today with dealing in United States currency.
In China, transactions in gold and foreign currencies are banned.

Police charged that when they arrested Turner, he had three bank receipts showing he had paid US\$9,500 into a United States bank for the purchase of an apartment in Shanghai.

Meanwhile, the economic police corps continued to raid offices of suspected black-market operators. Officials said 57 firms were suspected of illegal dealings in gold and United States and Hong Kong money. — Associated Press.

GENERAL AMNESTY IN CHINA

Nanking, July 8.
A general amnesty bill bearing the signatures of over 150 legislators will shortly be presented to the Legislative Yuan.

The bill provides for the freeing of certain types of prisoners, their exoneration of sentences, and others and cessation of prosecution of puppet suspects.

Legislative Yuan sources explained today that an amnesty should be declared by President Chiang Kai-shek in commemoration of institution of constitutional rule.

It is also learned that many high Kuomintang leaders, including Mr. Yu Yu-jen, President of Control Yuan, and Mr. Tai Chiao, former President of the Examination Yuan, petitioned the Generalissimo for a declaration of general amnesty.

Mr. Wang Chung-hui, President of the Judicial Yuan, explained that the power of declaring an amnesty rests with the President of the Republic and the Legislative Yuan. — United Press.

INDO-CHINA AIR TRAGEDY

Paris, July 8.
Sixteen were believed killed in the crash of an Indo-Chinese airliner near Djiring, Indo-China, the French news agency reported from Saigon today.

The plane, a converted Dakota, left Saigon this morning for Da-Nang. When it failed to arrive, search parties were sent out and one of them spotted the wreckage of an airliner on the mountain side nine kilometres from Djiring. — United Press.

THE TEST MATCH

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HARROWING STORY OF ORDEAL IN A TYPHOON

DRIFTED IN SEA FOR FIVE DAYS

Manila, July 8.
A harrowing story of death and sacrifice when 11 men were swept to sea in a small craft on July 4 was recounted today by one of six known survivors.

Brother Vincent Schoorer, aged 32, and two 20-year-old Filipinos were saved by United States Navy pilots in an amphibian plane today, 40 miles east of Balabac, Luzon, and flown to Manila for hospitalisation.

Three Filipinos died of exhaustion and exposure during the five-day ordeal, while two others, including Father Leo McCudden, were missing and feared dead. Two Filipinos swam ashore on Sunday and one other was rescued by a tug.

Brother Vincent, blistered by sun and swollen from immersion up to the neck, pleaded together a "nightmare I never expected to survive."

He said "everyone's mind was a little affected. We were willing to take any chance and that was how Father Leo left us in a rubber raft on July 5 with one companion."

"They paddled Eskimo fashion. Father Leo could not swim. I am afraid they overturned. We expected trouble when we set out on July 4. That was why a raft was brought along. Three fishing boats had been blown out to sea by high winds that day. When the townspeople in Balabac appealed to Father Leo he could not refuse them."

Went Mad

"We set out in our banca. It had an outboard motor. Within a very short time we were waterlogged and foundering from high seas. You must remember, a banca can be swamped with water and still not sink because of bamboo outriggers.
"Two men left us to swim for shore and made it somehow. They sent a launch for us. It picked up one man, then was separated and driven off by tremendous whirls."

"We tied the rubber raft inside our banca and it floated there but Father Leo and I were too big to sit in it. We clung neck-deep in water with only our heads sticking out."

"On July 5, a plane came within a mile of us and turned away. One of the boys went out of his mind and went off with our little remaining food and bottle of water overboard."

"We saw one of the fishing bancas we had set out to rescue. They were rowing for dear life and had a white flag flying like we did."

"I used my undershirt to catch some rain water and squeezed it into the mouths of the boys."

Boys' Screams

"Then the first boy died. He was third year in high school and had volunteered to come with us. Their screams of hunger were terrible to hear."

"It was then Father Leo took off to lighten our load. On Wednesday morning Plo died. He was 16 and he tried to swim home."

"Then, one hour before an Army B-73 sighted us, the school teacher died. He had been the one who implored us to search for his father."

"I told the other two boys that if I became violent, to throw me overboard but need not come for that. We were saved just in time." — Associated Press.

The Weather

A belt of low pressure continues depressions centered over Shanghai in the NW Sea of Japan and E of N. Honshu. From it a trough extends southward over China to a shallow depression over the Gulf of Tonkin.

A ridge from the Pacific anticyclone extends to the Philippines.
Today's Forecast: Light or moderate SW winds. Overcast with showers at first, becoming fair during the afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 32.5 deg. F. Minimum: 23.5 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.7 inch.
Rainfall: 5.5 mm. to 10.0 mm. Total since Jan. 1—292.5 mm. to 33.16 mm. at present an average of 104.5 mm. to 11.7 mm.

Readings at 10 a.m. on July 8:
Bar at sea level: 1008.5 mm. to 1010.5 mm. Sea level: 29.94 to 30.00 inches.
Rel. Humidity: 85 to 95 %
Dew Point: 74 to 78 deg. F.
Wind Direction: SSW to SW.
Wind Force: 5 to 8 knots.
Rain: 0.00 to 0.10 inch.
Sun: 1100 to 1200 hours.
Low: 1100 to 1200 hours.

Red Leaders Killed

Singapore, July 8.
British forces fighting a reputed Communist rebellion killed two Communist leaders today in a fierce gunfight with guerrillas in central Johore State. One British officer was wounded.

Police said the Communists were identified from cards as Pan Kang, President of the Communist-dominated Johore Rubber Workers Association, and a newsmen. They said the latter was a correspondent for the Kuala Lumpur Communist Chinese paper, Min Sheng Pao, which police closed two weeks ago. His name was not released.
The combined army and police raiding party met automatic weapon fire attacking a Communist hide-out on the edge of the jungle near Sarakak, Johore. The British tank force commander was wounded in the neck. His name was withheld. — Associated Press.

Labour Behind The Iron Curtain

New York, July 8.
Mr. Matthew Wall, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labour, announced today that the Federation had demanded United Nations investigation of violation of trade union rights in countries behind the iron curtain.

A memorandum submitted to the United Nations Economic and Social Council's agenda committee specifically named the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia as countries where "labourers are literally worked to death."

Wall told a press conference that the memorandum asked that the International Labour Organization conduct the inquiry. He said the AFL-CIO had asked for a similar investigation naming 11 countries but "carefully excluding countries behind the iron curtain." — Associated Press.

Narrowing The Gap

Nanking, July 9.
Mr. P. H. Ho, Chairman of China's Import-Export Control Board, told the Legislative Yuan committee that the unfavourable balance of China's external trade had been cut down considerably in recent months to almost parity between exports and imports.

He said the ratio of imports to exports in external trade between January and April this year was: imports 42 per cent, exports 48 per cent.

He said the ratio in 1948 was 78:22; in 1947 63:37.

He also announced that a new set of regulations encouraging overseas Chinese investment in development of the motherland will be promulgated by the Executive Yuan shortly. — United Press.

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FACTORY FRESH DELIVERED DAILY

SQUATTER COLONIES A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

Stag Hotel Dispute

In the second day of proceedings before Mr. T. J. Gould (Pulse Judge) in the Stag Hotel partnership case yesterday, Ho Chup-suen and Li Tsz-chiu, two of the plaintiffs, gave evidence.

The case arose over a dispute as to whether the original partnership formed in 1933 under the title by Stag Hotel (Mun Kee) had been dissolved and replaced by a new partnership—Stag Hotel (Ho Kee)—formed during the Japanese occupation.

Plaintiffs in the case are Li Tsz-chiu, Li Kiu-po, Ho Chup-suen, Wong Chun-shi, Tong King-fong, Ng Chak-kan and Mak Chi-ting, and they ask the Court to declare whether the original partnership, Mun Kee, had been dissolved and, if not, does the hotel business remain an asset of such partnership.

Plaintiffs are represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. M. A. de Silva, Mr. G. S. Ford and Mr. S. Ng Quin.

Defendants are Lo Kiu-yam and his wife, Chan Mo-ching, who claim over 40 per cent in the partnership, but whose title is disputed by plaintiffs. They are represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford and Mr. P. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam.

Counsel Removed Wigs
Shortly after proceedings began, Mr. Sheldon sought, and was granted, permission by the Judge to remove his wig because of the heat. His example was followed by Mr. Wright. The whole of the morning session and part of the afternoon were occupied with the cross-examination of Li Kiu-po, one of the plaintiffs, who had given evidence the previous day.

Ho Chup-suen, the second witness, told the Court he had been the holder of a 500 share in the Stag Hotel for over 10 years, during the Japanese occupation he was not in Hong Kong. Questioned by Mr. Clifford on three letters written by his younger brother to the defendant, Lo Kiu-yam, purporting to act on his authority, Ho said he did not know of his brother's action. His brother, who is now aged 20, was at the time of the occupation only a boy.

"You and your fellow partners would benefit if you could get rid of defendants who claim more than 40 per cent of the partnership shares?" asked Mr. Clifford.

Ho replied that defendants were not partners so the question of benefit did not arise.

In Free China
The next witness, Li Tsz-chiu, also a partner in the original Stag Hotel (Mun Kee), said he was representative in Canton for Nestlé's Anglo-Swiss Milk Co. and had held this agency since the last 20 years. During the occupation he was in Free China, and it was not till after the liberation when he came to Hong Kong that he had heard of the "reported" change of partnership.

"But during meetings held in your absence, you were kept in the picture," said Mr. Clifford, pointing to the minutes books which signed the minute books as acting for you," asked Mr. Clifford.

"I don't know Li Shing, and as for Li Shing-ping he was only a room boy at the Stag Hotel," witness replied.

Hearing was adjourned until 2.30 p.m. this afternoon.

JURY LISTS POSTED

The Governor has ordered the adoption for 1948 of the Jury Lists published last year.

The lists have been posted on the south-west entrance of the Supreme Court. Additional lists of persons who have become liable for inclusion since the publication of the lists in 1947 have also been posted up on the same notice board.

All officers and non-commissioned officers of the H.K.V.D.C. and all commissioned and warrant officers of the H.K.N.R.V.R. are exempt from Jury Service. Lance Corporals of the H.K.V.D.C. are not exempt.

RIP KIRBY



SETTLEMENTS AT NORTH POINT

Hundreds of squatters, evicted from bombed and demolished sites in the city by the Health Department and at the request of estate owners are building two separate communities at North Point.

Side by side with these two colonies, large blocks of reinforced concrete apartment houses and several self-contained modern houses are also growing up.

The two squatter communities consist of a Government-controlled village and a camp of wooden shacks covering the hillside opposite the printing workshop of the Commercial Press.

Among the people in both camps are former street-sleepers who could not find vacant flats, government servants who had shared congested apartments with relatives, dockyard workers and hawkers who formerly occupied huts on government and private land.

The government-controlled village was started shortly after the end of the war by Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, former Director of Medical Services (now Governor of the Seychelles Islands). It is now known as Health Village.

Supervised by the Health Department, Health Village consists of more than 60 brick and wooden shacks, each with a separate structure for the kitchen. It is

KOWLOON VEGETABLE OFFENCE

All vegetables in Kowloon must be transported by lorries belonging to the Government Vegetables Wholesale Market and must be assigned to the Market.

This was emphasised in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court yesterday when six men were charged with removing vegetables by carrying them instead of by Market lorries.

The Ping-nam (32), Tong Chi-po (20), Kwok Kiu-lung (21), and others, were fined \$150 or six weeks imprisonment each they admitted carrying 1,400 cabbages of melons in Peiho Street. They were arrested by Market Senior Inspector Denny Ng on Wednesday night.

Also pressed by Inspector Ng, Chung Ping (30), Tsang Nui (28), and Tsang Ching (24), were given a similar sentence when they admitted carrying 85 cabbages of vegetables each in Castle Peak Road on the same night.

The vegetables were ordered to be confiscated on the application of Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth.

HKVDC ORDERS

ORDERS BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. OWEN-HUGHES, O.B.E., E.D., ACTING COMMANDANT, HONG KONG VOLUNTARY DEFENCE CORPS.

ORDER NO. 31/48 dated 8th July, 1948.

1. FLEET RECROISSER, I.M. Ship's Bazaar, London, Convent and Convent will be carrying out a bombardment exercise on Wednesday, 14th July 1948. Officers of the Corps and Volunteers wishing to watch the exercise should communicate with the Adjutant not later than 1800 hrs on Friday 10th July.

Embarkation will be at 0645 hrs, and ships will be returning to harbour 1.45 p.m. on the same day.

2. WAR BARRIERS. Applications for personnel who consider themselves as qualified under the terms of the announcement on the award of decorations to the British and Chinese newspapers on Sunday, June 13th and Monday, June 14th will submit their claims to the Adjutant.

3. COURSE. The course for R.Q.M.S. and G.M.S. will be held on Tuesday, 18th July 1948 at 1745 hrs in the lecture room at Corps H.Q. There will be no lecture on Tuesday, 20th July.

4. DEFENCE MEDAL. Officers of the Corps and Volunteers who are qualified and who have not yet received the form of application for the Defence Medal, should apply to the Quartermaster without delay.

(Sd.) J. WARDON, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. Corps.

Hong Kong's New CJ

Sir Leslie Bertram Gibson, formerly Attorney General in Palestine, is to be Hong Kong's new Chief Justice. He received his knighthood in the King's Birthday Honours List last month.

Sir Leslie was for a number of years Attorney General in Trinidad until 1944; when he was appointed to Palestine.

As Chief Justice of Hong Kong he will replace Sir Henry Gault, who left the Colony on leave in November last and who has now been appointed President of the West African Appeal Council. Sir Henry was Chief Justice here from 1946.

Personalia

Arrivals from Southampton on Wednesday by BOAC, "Speedbird" flying-boat were Messrs. D. J. Smith, F. C. Plumb, Wicks, Mrs. L. G. Plumb and Miss D. M. Furness.

Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Captain and Mrs. W. H. Wong, Messrs. V. F. Brund, M. J. Prior, U. B. Maung, and C. E. Eason.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Lieutenant and Mrs. P. J. A. H. Wick, F. C. Plumb, A. H. H. Schloess, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bonick, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Baird, and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Penn.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Stanley Jack, Cocke, merchant, "Hillcrest," The Park, and Claire Joan Eastham Fuller, Gloucester Hotel.

ART EXHIBIT

An Exhibition of oil paintings, watercolours and Chinese paintings by Mr. Chan Hai-ying will be held under the auspices of the Hong Kong Arts Council, at the Guild at St. Francis Hotel from tomorrow to Monday, daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mr. Chan studied under Mr. Li Tzu-tu, a painter trained in the United States. He paints portraits, landscapes, still life and is at home with oils and watercolours as well as Chinese painting technique.

KOWLOON RAIDS ON DIVANS

Seven opium divans were raided by the Kowloon Police on Wednesday, and the keepers and 36 smokers arrested and charged before the Courts yesterday.

Au Kau, whose dive at 162 Yu Chau Street was raided by Chief Inspector F. J. Clarke, was fined \$500 (or three months' imprisonment), and his nine smokers \$35 each, by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr.

The same penalty was imposed on Cheung King-see and Ho Ping, who were arrested, with eight smokers, at 972 Canton Road, second floor, by Det. Sub-Inspector A. Leslie. The smokers were fined \$35 each.

Also arrested by DS1 Leslie, Au Wai of 435 Reclamation Street, first floor, was fined \$180 (or five weeks' gaol), while his four customers were fined \$20 each.

Li Fan, with a divan at an unnumbered hut at Sai Yee Street, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, without the option of a fine. Four of his patrons were fined \$35 each, while the fifth man was discharged. Sub-Inspector Andrews raided the place.

Ng Kam, operator of a divan at an unnumbered hut at Sai Tau Village, was sentenced to two months' gaol, while his three smokers were fined \$30 each.

Five Smokers
So Cheung, who also used an unnumbered hut at Sai Tau Village, as an opium divan, was fined \$100, or four weeks' imprisonment, and his five smokers were fined \$20 each.

Appearing on remand, Yam Kam-wing was fined \$750, or four months' imprisonment, on the charges of keeping an opium divan at 998 Canton Road, first floor,

By ALEX. RAYMOND

Correspondence

Criticism of Hong Kong

Sir—A good deal of unfair and incorrect criticism has been directed against this Colony recently by Chinese officials and their supporters who consider the only method to defend their own inefficient administration is by attacking their successful neighbours. The recent suggestion that Hong Kong is a centre of speculation and smuggling with deteriorating influence on China's economy and livelihood is one that might be used with dangerous effects by propaganda against this Colony. It must be remembered that only a very small proportion of the population of China are in any way literate and in order to stimulate support for the Central Government it would not be impossible to influence these illiterates to the belief that the purchasing power of their money was decreasing daily entirely owing to the fact that Hong Kong was not co-operating with China's Central Government at a time when they badly need friends who have adopted a policy of all take and no give and little credit is given to old standing friends who are prepared to do what they can to help their native land.

On one side you see acceptance of generous help from America, whereas on the other side you see denigration and vilification against the American effort to help Japan become self-supporting and no longer a drain on the American taxpayers. One reads in small print of gifts by the already overburdened British public of cruisers and other craft to build up a Chinese Navy whereas little has so far been done to compensate or satisfy the British public for the recent cowardly attack on Shanghai.

What is the true story of the flight of capital to Hong Kong? Everyone with any intelligence knows that the Chinese Government can only cover her budget deficit by a method of very heavy currency inflation which it carefully analysed is only a method of robbing the population. All attempts to cover this deficit by taxation have been unsuccessful and the recent attempt to raise a levy by the "pork tick" is another example of the futile attempts to raise taxes. Inflation has been increasing daily for years and the population who have saved or made a little money after years of efforts have taken what they can to retain at least a portion of their Capital Goods, Gold, foreign exchange were bought and hoarded, but the danger of confiscation and capital flight at an unrealistic Chinese exchange rate forced capitalists both large and small to get at least a portion of their capital out of China. A good deal of this of course came to Hong Kong as the obvious place where we have sound currency, stable exchange, excellent warehouses, and within close proximity to China where it could return if there were any improvement in conditions there. This transfer of capital was not from merchants only but from many supporters who know much more about the activities of the black market than they are prepared to admit. Black market activities were initiated in Shanghai, Canton, Amoy and other big centres in China by the Nationalist Government and well known to the Chinese economic police. Supply the existence of these black market dealings is one that should be cared for by China. What energetic steps have been taken by the Nationalist Government to suppress the black market? Whereas British residents in the U.K. are not allowed to retain any hard currency balances, Chinese nationals are permitted to keep the bulk of their capital in U.S. dollars as a reserve against the fluctuating of goods, the Colony on her part is doing all she can to assist China as can be seen by the many cases of unmanifested cargoes which appear before the Courts daily. The Chinese "Manning" firms are given every facility and their cruisers are allowed to patrol territorial waters. It is strange that for some reason or other they appear to spend most of their time just outside Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter. Who are assisting the smugglers? It does not seem the duty to ensure that it is the Chinese customs, police, and soldiers on the other side of the border. Obviously from the arguments above the Chinese Authorities themselves and not the Hong Kong authorities are responsible for both the flight of capital to this Colony and the smuggling in and out of the Colony.

FIAT LUX

Sir—Popular opinion both in banking and in other circles is that the "fantastic" and reckless reports appearing in the Chinese Press in Shanghai are obviously intended, partly to divert the attention of the public, especially in America, from the desperate situation of the Chinese Government, and partly to encourage the Chinese to speculate in the economic landscape even at the expense of indefinitely extending the printing of notes to fill the gaps, and partly to demoralise Hong Kong with a view to obtaining some further demand for the Chinese currency of the Government of China to which the flight of capital to this Colony is being ascribed. The Chinese Press and the Chinese Government are both responsible for the flight of capital to this Colony. The responsible authorities

in the Chinese Government and banking circles know full well that the allegations against Hong Kong are untrue but nothing has been done to check this propaganda of "Falsities". It is generally true that if enough mud is thrown often enough some of it will stick.

The advent of the "China Weekly Review" and its economic supplement into this propaganda serves only to extend its scope in America where the "China Weekly Review" in old days before the war had considerable circulation. Its tenor was never favourable to anything British.

So far as the Hong Kong Government and at least the foreign banks are concerned, they have nothing to hide. They have even sacrificed their own interests and have lent over a hundred million dollars to the Chinese Government in helping China. Since the liberation of the Colony, however, there has been a great growth of Chinese banks, branches whose head offices are in China. The Central Bank of China has administrative offices with high officials in the Colony. The Central Trust which is a Chinese Government multiple trading, banking and exchange concern has re-established its branch here. The Chinese Postal and Savings Bank which has wide and varied functions has an important office wholly the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications, the Farmers' Bank and many others, both with and without Chinese Government associations, have branches here.

Hong Kong has a banking law but it is difficult to not impossible to check all their activities. But the Chinese Government, if it wishes, is or should be able to keep check on them through their head offices in China. It is primarily the duty of the Chinese Government to keep control of its own branches.

It is, however, beyond question that neither foreign nor Chinese banks have the fantastic deposits which are attributed to them.

If the whole truth were known and there is a good deal to support the view that there is a far greater exodus of capital to America than to Hong Kong or Macao. It is notorious that all substantial business in Shanghai is done in U.S. dollars, that not only commercial and property deals are made but that professional fees are largely made and received in that currency, and that there is a constant flow of deposits to banks in America where funds are kept safe and disguised for the benefit of Chinese depositors through the medium of subsidiary and trust companies.

The Chinese Government scheme for "soaking the rich" in Shanghai and elsewhere is apparently having a "but poor" result—the rich are moving to America. The few who have still kept their riches in Shanghai and China and who may have to bear unfair burdens are the British and American firms who have had their roots in China and prefer to remain in the hope one day China will have a decent Government under which they can live and trade.

The kind of propaganda that is now indulged in by certain Chinese circles is not now in the country. It is significant that at the present juncture an American group, under Mr. Stillman, has been going round and perhaps it is ingeniously intended that Mr. Stillman should think Hong Kong is the big black hole which would devour China. Anyway, the whole matter savours of the old policy of divide and rule.

It should not be the policy of Hong Kong to indulge in throwing the ball back and forth between it and the Chinese Government. If the Chinese Government has any grievances, it should behave with the dignity becoming a foreign power and discuss them with the Hong Kong Government and not permit this flood of false reports, unwarranted vilification to confuse the issue and render difficult harmonious relations between China and the Colony.

THE TRUE FACTS

Roof Dwellers

Sir—The penthouses on the roofs in Wanchai as reported in your today's paper are helpful to poor people to get their living places in these hard times, but the following points should not be overlooked to give protection to the proper dwellers, and the taxpayers.

- (1) Sanitary conditions should be observed.
- (2) Fire extinguishing materials "protection measure" should be always prepared.
- (3) Investigations should often be made to check that these shacks are not used as gambling houses or opium divans or sly brothels.

Night Noises

Sir—Please add to the complaints of night noises the attention of the Police to the loud music which emanates nightly from the verandah of the Peninsula Hotel and keeps the residents awake until the early hours of the morning. The Hotel was quite complacent to the Police about the Circus (which closes at 10.30 p.m.) it is hoped the Police will be quick in taking action to stop this other disturbance of the peace.

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The last day for registering
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15TH JULY, 1948.

After that date the usual
form of Transfer Deed must
be completed.

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 15/48.

Hong Kong Harbour. Removal of submerged
obstruction

POSITION:—Bearing from Kowloon Railway Station Clock
Tower 285 degrees, 22.5
cables.

DETAILS:—The submerged obstruction in the above position
has been removed.

REMARKS:—Notice to Mariners No. 8 of 1948 is hereby
cancelled.

CHARTS AFFECTED:—3280, E.I.10,318.

AUTHORITY:—Director of Marine.

Marine Department,
Hong Kong, 7th July, 1948.

IN THE SUPREME
COURT OF HONG KONG
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JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of
Frederick Percival
Lentestey late of The
Harbour Office, Vic-
toria in the Colony of
Hongkong, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates Or-
dinance 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 30th day of July, 1948.

All Creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 3rd day of July,
1948.

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Notice is hereby given that
the forty-second Ordinary
Meeting of Shareholders will
be held in Exchange Building,
2nd Floor, on Friday, 18th July,
1948, at noon, for the purpose
of receiving the Director's Re-
port and Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended 28th
February, 1948, and to elect
a Director and elect Auditors.
The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
10th July, 1948 to 18th July,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
F. W. VEREL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd July, 1948.

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tive Needlecraft Centre was
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been able to carry on because
of the generosity of the Bank
of China who kindly allowed
it to retain the workroom in
the Old City Hall.

The time has come however
when the site is required for
the Bank's new building.

The Committee have tried to
find alternative accommoda-
tion at a reasonable rent with-
out success and they regret that
the concern must now close
down.

Employment is earnestly
sought for 20 skilled machinists
and needlewomen.

Any suggestions to Lady
Supervisors.

NOTICE.

Will all creditors against the
private estate of the late
Victor G. MacDonald, render
their bills, with details, to the
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MALCOLM MACDONALD WARNS OF
PLOT FOR VIOLENT REVOLUTION
IN MALAYA

Singapore, July 7.

The Malayan Communists were planning a violent
revolution to capture by force the Government
of Malaya, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Com-
missioner-General for South East Asia, declar-
ed in a broadcast tonight over Radio Malaya.
Mr. MacDonald said that since his last broadcast a
month ago the authorities had gathered much
evidence about the present terrorist outbreak
in the Federation of Malaya, which might
spread to Singapore as part of an overall plan
to paralyse the country, and seize power.

Wounded
While
Escaping

Sentence of nine months'
hard labour was imposed on
Li So, aged 27, unemployed,
by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Cen-
tral yesterday, when he was
charged with being in pos-
session of implements for
unlawful purpose; assault
on the police; escaping from
police custody and larceny
from a dwelling.

Inspector G. Willerton, prose-
cuting, said defendant was seen
by P.C. 1575, Wong Mui, in
Stewart Road. When he was
searched he had in a bundle, a
screwdriver and a piece of rope.
When the policeman and Li
were on their way to the Police
Station, defendant hit him and
escaped. Wong chased Li and
called him to stop, telling him
that he would fire if he did not
obey. Li did not stop so the
policeman fired three shots, two
of which reached their target,
wounding Li.

Defendant had in his possession
four pawn tickets and after in-
quiries were made, it was dis-
covered that the pawn tickets
were for suits of clothing report-
ed to have been stolen from 7
Marsh Road on June 16.

Police Reserve
Orders

Hong Kong Police Reserve Orders No.
12 of 1948 follow—
1. Charge from Duty: Members detailed
for Charge from Duty are hereby ordered
to parade at the various Police Sta-
tions as warned.

2. Radio-car Duty: Members detailed for
Radio-car Duty are hereby ordered to
parade for this duty as warned.

3. Arrest of pay and ex-gratia grants
to members of the various Civil Defence
Units given in order who desire to claim
for their back-pay, are hereby directed
to apply to:

(1) Police Reserve HQ (H.K.P.R.)
Chinese Coy, Oriental Building, Gr. Fl.,
Southwest Road C.
(2) Mr. Mickey de Sousa (E.U.R.),
c/o The Pacific Union Trading Co., Ltd.,
Marine House, 8th Fl., Hong Kong.
(3) Mr. F. M. Ali (Indian Coy), c/o
General Post Office.

(4) Mr. B. C. Randall (Flying Squad),
c/o Messrs. K. B. Lee & Co., H.K. Stock
Exchange Building, 6th Fl., 10, Le House
Street.

Promotions: The following promotions
have been approved by the Commissioner
of Police: W.C.F. 57,411—Angewen Shu
From P.S. (R) to P.S. (R)—Chow Chun
Kau.
From P.C. (R) to P.S. (R)—Lo Ka Hing,
Lo Yung Chung, George Lau.
From P.S. (R) to P.S. (R)—Chen Hing
and Football Grounds: Payments to mem-
bers who had performed duties at the
Race Course or Football grounds will be
made at the H.Q. daily from 1.30 p.m.
These members are hereby requested to
draw their pay as soon as possible.

CONTRABAND
IN JUNK

A revenue party, under Re-
venue Inspector Fowler, found
122 gallons of wine and 33 lb.
of Chinese prepared tobacco in a
junk when it arrived here on
Wednesday evening.

The contraband was discovered
among the cargoes and in various
parts of the vessel, which came
from the Tung Kun District.

No arrests were made as the
owners of the goods could not be
traced.

The woman occupant of a hut
at Sai Kung, New Territories,
was found hanged shortly after
5 p.m. yesterday.

Bitter Fight Over
Democratic Ticket

Washington, July 7.

New Dealers and Democrats leading the stop-Tru-
man movement headed today toward another
smash-up in a dispute over the party's pre-
sidential campaign platform.

They have no mutually ac-
ceptable candidate now for
Democratic presidential nom-
ination and they bitterly dis-
agree on the issue of civil
rights for Negroes.

Some of the older leaders in
the party predict Mr. Harry Tru-
man's nomination on the first bal-
lot next week when the party
meets in Philadelphia.

But other party veterans and
machine bosses have gone so far
out in their opposition against
Truman's nomination that they
cannot retreat. Among them is
Frank Hague, New Jersey Demo-
cratic boss, Hague and many
other stop-Truman leaders are
keeping their movement alive but
without much hope of getting
Dwight Eisenhower.

Senator Lin D. Johnson said he
was thinking of placing before
the Democratic National Com-
mittee on Saturday a resolution
calling on Truman to step aside
for the good of the party. He
declined to predict that Eisen-
hower would give in to the draft
after Truman steps aside, but
he thought it would have a lot
to do with changing the general's
attitude.

Senator Claude Pepper urged
Democratic leaders to offer the
presidential nomination to Eisen-
hower on a strictly non-political
basis. He said the general "can-
not refuse a truly national draft"
that would give him a chance to
form a bipartisan "coalition gov-
ernment" to prevent World War
Three.—United Press.

No Right
To Shoot A
Husband!

London, July 7.

A High Court judge today
ruled that a wife has no right
to shoot her husband just be-
cause he is worthless.

"If all the spouses who have
been unfaithful in this country
in recent years could be shot
by a spouse to whom they
have given offence," Justice Sir
Malcolm Hilbery said, "there
would be a very high mortality
rate among the married."

He was charging a jury, try-
ing Mrs. Doris Ellen Wiles, 27,
for the murder of her husband.
The jury subsequently dis-
agreed and was dismissed. Jus-
tice Hilbery ordered a new trial.
—United Press.

DANUBIAN
CONFERENCE

Belgrade, July 7.

The Yugoslav Government has
agreed to the four-power request
to call a conference about the
Danube in Belgrade on July 30.
The Yugoslav Government to-
day said it had agreed to issue
invitations to Bulgaria, Czecho-
slovakia, Hungary, Rumania and
the Ukraine as well as to Austria,
who are asked to take part in a
consultative capacity.

It was reported earlier that
Russia had joined with Britain,
France and the United States yes-
terday in asking Marshal Tito to
be host here on July 30 to the
long-awaited riparian Danube
Conference.—Reuter.

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CHANGE OUR
SEX STANDARDS?

Recent surveys on sex have puzzled and
upset many people: have our ideas of
simple decency been outmoded by these
"scientific" findings? In June, Robert A.
Dixey, Dr. Joshua Liebman, Robert A.
Millikan, and other intellectual, moral,
and scientific leaders give their answers
to this challenge to our spiritual ideals.
Don't miss this discussion of one of the
most vital questions of our time.

Also in Reader's Digest
How your prayers are answered. Whether
child or hard-headed businessman, God
doesn't let you down, says Rev. Earl A.
Blackman. "The Fighting Parson"
shows how God goes about answering your
prayers—sometimes in ways you least sus-
pect... and why some prayers are their own
answer.—(Condensed from Reader's Digest)

Don't use a "good" excuse. Milton was
blind, because he was blind. Thackeray
saw his shortcomings and went on to
sublime achievement. Dr. Foodick
tells how—by having the grit to throw
away your excuses—you can find a glori-
ous new meaning in life.

Your budget CAN beat high prices.
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bookkeeping—it's a way to fit what you
want most with your money, say this mar-
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are solving money problems for thousands
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Spot check for cancer. Here is dramatic
news of a quick, simple test to detect can-
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a killer. W. L. White describes this cheap
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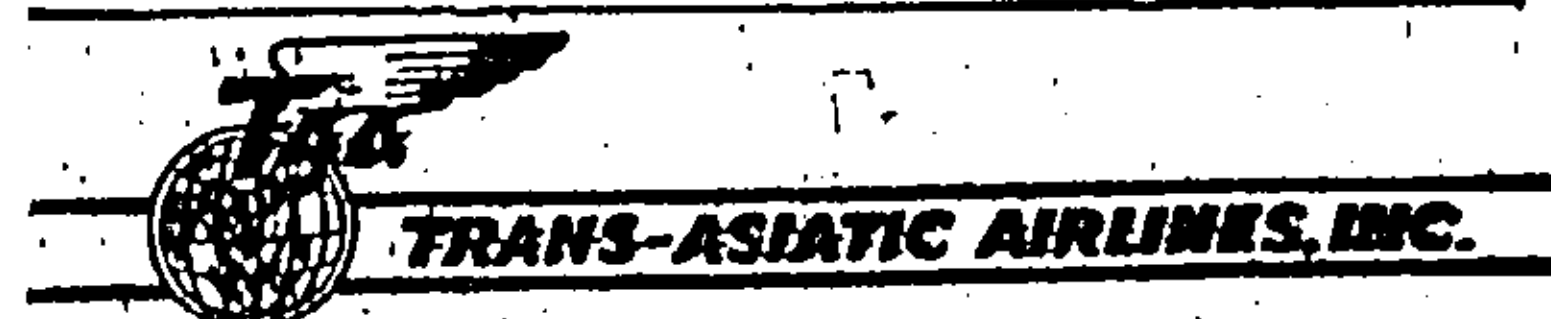
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BIRTH.

KEATING: On July 8, 1948, at the Queen Mary Hospital, to Angela (Jackie), wife of Major Victor Keating, R.A.M.C., a brother for Adrian, (London Telegraph please copy).

CAUSE AND EFFECT

The article in the American-controlled "China Economist" charging Hong Kong with heavy responsibility for the deterioration of China's economy is such a typical example of confused thinking presented as judicial analysis that it scarcely merits contradiction. But for the fact that it has gained a tremendously wider field of circulation through the agency of Reuters, the inclination to ignore it would be strong.

As with nearly all the accusations that have been levelled against Hong Kong in connection with the flight of capital from Shanghai, with speculation and with smuggling, it is most noteworthy for its utter failure to distinguish between cause and effect. It would be ridiculous to argue that flight of capital has caused the grave deterioration of China's economy. The truth is obtained by reversing the clauses. China's ills are to some extent the result of eight years of war with Japan. To a much greater extent they are the result of a civil war which while defying decision has bled the country of much of its material wealth, of the unrestrained use of currency printing-presses, of corruption on an appalling scale and of maladministration generally. The thousands of millions of gold dollars poured into China after Pearl Harbor, the gigantic effort of UNRRA to provide the impetus to swift recovery, should have placed China in a powerful position economically within a year or two after Japan's surrender.

There was every expectation that she would emerge stronger than ever before in her history, ready to assume the role formerly occupied by Japan as Asia's leading nation. For her failure to live up to this high promise, China must look to internal causes, and despite the temptation to 'pass the buck' seek the remedy in the proper quarter. In that task, China can look with confidence to every possible assistance from abroad, and in increasing measure when it is clear that China's energies are concentrated upon the right objectives.

Without going into detail, it can reasonably be claimed that Hong Kong has leant over backwards more than once in efforts to assist China in the immense difficulties she has had to face in the last two years. In no case has the Colony stood to gain by the agreements reached: we have given without the benefit of any kind of quid pro quo. We have consented to proposals advanced by the Chinese Government even when fully aware that we are asked to treat minor symptoms of China's troubles while nothing is being done about root causes.

The Anti-Smuggling Pact is a case in point. The severity of China's trade restrictions and prohibitions is throttling enterprise which otherwise might contribute materially to China's revival. Smuggling is inevitable, though it falls far short

of the proportions with which it is credited in imaginative minds. Prevention is China's sole responsibility, but in spite of that Hong Kong has agreed to specific measures to simplify the proceedings of the Chinese Maritime Customs. If the agreement has not gone into full effect it is because legislation is required and a conflict has arisen over interpretation. The issues, presumably, are still under discussion, a fact of which Nanking critics must be well aware. Nevertheless, several of the main provisions of the agreement have been put into operation in Hong Kong, China meanwhile having done nothing to help herself. There is, for instance, nothing to prevent patrols in Deep Bay and Mrs Bay. There have been no patrols. Far more concern appears to be exercised about striking a bargain regarding the distribution of the proceeds of a smuggling seizure than about the prevention of smuggling.

We agree with the "Economist" on one point: it is time that we all saw the situation realistically.

What Mr Dewey's Triumph Means For Britain

The Philadelphia story ended as all good melodrama should. The young and handsome hero triumphed. The rivals were defeated, the obstacles overcome. No one was very surprised by the last chapter—certainly not Governor Thomas E. Dewey.

All week he had forecast victory, and when the dazzling moment came he was ready for it, even to the acceptance speech, written days before and polished and pruned and perfected till it shone and sparkled like the Presidential candidate himself. In Philadelphia they are saying: "The machine won." It did.

Dewey, a superb technician, was and is at the controls of an elaborate, effortlessly efficient political organization—a 1940 model, streamlined, supercharged, gigantically powerful, and quite ruthless.

While Senator Taft floundered in his ballyhoo and blustered, and Vandenberg sat silent, Dewey pulled the switches. Almost it seemed at the end that the business was too cut and dried, too well stage-managed, a little inhuman in its perfection.

Rivals All 'Left'

The Democrats, of course, are shouting that the Convention was railroaded by the New York Governor. But "railroaded" is an antique word by the Dewey standards. His mode of transport is much more modern. He flies much faster. And he spares nothing and no one.

The Dewey organization in this Convention city made those who look like cranking two-cylinder jobs. Everything was organized, from the free gifts and bathing costume shows to the rumour factory. He, had lieutenants, young, eager, and as tireless as himself.

In charge of his various vote-getting divisions. He had more propaganda and publicity experts than the rest put together. And all worked according to plan.

The machine shattered the opposition and injured many reputations. Harold Stassen, particularly, emerged without grace from the Convention. The Republicans, led by the bounding, brilliant young Governor, are already so confident of victory that they taste it now.

For 16 years the party has been hungry and ravenous for power. They control almost everything else—the big factories, the big banks, the huge chains of shops, many of the great organs of publicity, the movies, and the markets, but they want the White House. They will probably secure it.

Mr. Dewey, the small-town boy who wanted to be a singer found himself a lawyer's clerk, became a district attorney, and used the attorneyship as a springboard to the Governor's mansion of New York. It is a two-to-one odds-on favourite as the next President of the United States.

Even many Democrats doubt that he can be blocked. They are stunned and bewildered, somewhat agast at the task before them.

M-Plan Is Safe

If Dewey wins—and the word here is "when," not "if"—there will be no jarring change in foreign policy. The Marshall Plan is safe, the Anglo-American partnership not endangered, the isolationists remain unembraced.

The Dewey platform is not illiberal and is pledged to internationalism. However, it is quite certain that there will be no prodigal expenditure by a Dewey Administration on European recovery. Every dollar and penny, every cent will be checked and carefully allocated.

The Republicans and Dewey, their leader, represent Capitalism and the capitalist economy. They live in the citadel of free, almost licentious, enterprise. They will not strain themselves to bolster or support the Socialist governments of Europe.

The first thing that Dewey will probably tackle is to set fire to the dead wood in his party. He is an ardent believer in youth, the apostle of efficiency and modern methods. The old men and old ideas will be scrapped. He has surrounded himself with bright and alert brains. They have been loyal and will be rewarded.

There will, of course, be a clean sweep in the Cabinet. General Marshall will go along with the rest.

The new team will be Dewey-licked and Dewey-dominated.

It would be untrue to report that the young Governor is a deeply loved or tremendously popular man. He has come up too far, too fast, too cockily to be an idol.

Wors The Press

There is a saying: "You have to know Tom Dewey very well in order to dislike him." There are many unkind comments about his speeches being the best, that money can buy, about his height (the story is that he poses for formal photographs sitting on telephone directories), about his ego and his machine-stamped personality.

I have always found him most acceptable and accessible. His relations with the Press used to be poor. Now he is almost straining himself to exude the charm-calling reporters "Sir" and complimenting them on the astuteness of their questions.

He was in top form in all his Press conferences in Philadelphia. He never muffed a word or blew a line. He never made a mistake. He is not likely to make many if and when he becomes President. Brand new machines rarely do.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Maybe if I put on my slippers and got settled down with my book in an easy chair, you could remember what it was you wanted me to do!"

BERLIN BRITISH PULL IN THEIR BELTS

It is a hot summer's evening in Berlin, and at the magnificent lakeside houses in the British sector there are cocktail parties. Guests walk through the leafy gardens under the lime trees as though it were Ascot Week. They eat little canapés, chess spreads on toast, crisp rissoles, and the other things that go with drinks.

Until in few days ago. Now Berlin is entering a state of siege in real earnest, and have to tighten their belts.

To Aid Berliners

Their sport, their light, their clubs, their cinemas and their motoring are being cut to save the people of Berlin from cold and starvation.

By John Fisher

And these cuts mean far more to Berliners than they would if introduced in England. The Western Allied authorities have been turning their various Berlin sectors into a garrison city.

We have 2,000,000 German mouths to feed, including more than 500,000 in the British sector. There are about 1,800 British officials and more than twice that number of American and French officials.

There are also about 3,000 British troops, almost as many American troops, and about 1,500 French soldiers.

Early To Bed

The Russians do not have many troops in Berlin, but they have three armies crowding around the outskirts. And now we have taken our dispositions for the battle against darkness—for that is what it is. We have coal for about 20 days in the three Western sectors. The Russians have about 40 days' supply.

POLAND'S PROTEST REJECTED

Washington, July 7. The United States has rejected Poland's protest against the policies of the Western Powers in Germany.

The State Department advised Poland to complain to Russian if dissatisfied with the way things are going in Europe.

Poland filed a formal protest on June 18 against the Western Allies plan for building up Western Germany with the Marshall plan and permitting a measure of home rule for that area of Germany.

Poland protested that this violated the Potsdam Agreement with Russia and failed to take account the interests of various European nations.

In today's reply, the Under-Secretary of State, Robert Lovett, told the Polish Ambassador, Josef Winiewicz: "If certain countries claim that their interests are not sufficiently taken into account by the programme planned for Western Germany, their complaint should not be addressed to the United States Government but to the Government primarily responsible for preventing these countries from co-operating in the general recovery programme for Europe."

Associated Press.

Communist Riot Plot A Forgery

British intelligence circles here believed tonight that a document, as published in a Paris newspaper purporting to disclose a Communist "riot plot" in Berlin, was a forgery.

They thought the first few paragraphs might be genuine instructions issued by the Socialist Unity Party, but, if so, they had been embellished with sensational details of Soviet action.

The document, as published in the right wing Figaro, signed by the "General Secretariat of the German Communist Party," said the Russians planned to provoke riots in Berlin's western sectors and then to announce they would take over the security of the whole city.

(A French Foreign Office spokesman in Paris said its details corresponded to information already held by the British authorities, and a British Embassy spokesman declared: "It appears to me to be thoroughly genuine.")

The Soviet-licensed German news agency, ADN, described the document as a "primitive imitation of the infamous Protocols of the Elders of Zion," and should be called "Protocol Figaro," it added. The headquarters of the Socialist Unity Party—the Soviet Zone merger of the former Communist and left wing Social Democratic parties—tonight said the internal security of the western sectors was being strengthened and was enough to show the document was a clumsy forgery.—Reuters.

RUSSIA ASKS TOO

Belgrade, July 6. Russia joined the British, France and America yesterday in asking Marshal Tito to be host here on July 30 to the long awaited conference on free international navigation on the Danube. The great powers sent identical notes. (Reuters diplomatic correspondent wrote that this was regarded as a sign that Russia will still recognize the Tito regime in foreign politics despite its virtual expulsion from the "Cominform.")—Reuters.

Already the German housewife has so little electricity that she cannot put on a 100-watt bulb for longer than three hours a day. And now Britain's Smith is facing the same shortage.

"This is midsummer, there are many hours of daylight. Much can be done by getting up early and going to bed early." So runs the official notice.

Well Worth While

Parties involving transport for more than a few guests are not to be held.

It may sound luxurious to give a cocktail party in Berlin at all at this time, but remember that the British are thrown back on themselves and the other Western Allies.

So-called social life in Berlin centres round the Embassy Club, formerly the Crutcher Embassy, a vast aquarial house, with steps and many halls, and a minstrel's gallery.

There you could dance until 11.30 in the evening, and could cut carp parties, an amette, a mixed grill, or a steak. But now you eat what is on the menu and, like it. And leave it at 10.

I don't want to give the impression that all the British in Berlin have been eating steaks incessantly. They haven't the time, or the money.

Times they have to go out for food.

Cuts in motoring too will mean real hardship in the British sector, which is a great sprawling triangle with practically no way of getting about without a car.

But the British in Berlin are gainers in one important respect by the new restrictions. They have once more what they had when they first came to Berlin in 1945, the sense of a mission.

They know once more why they are here. They feel once more that it is worth while, and some of them, at least, are at least thinking when they realise that at last the Germans in Berlin think it is worth while too. For Berliners are impressed by the Western determination to dig in and stay—whatever happens.

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Associated Press.

"MODIFY IMMIGRATION POLICY"

Brisbane, July 8. Dr. James Duhig, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Queensland, speaking at a United Nations Association luncheon yesterday, said that Australia should consider modifying the "White Australia" policy.

"If we ever come to hand-grips with the coloured nations of the Pacific, they will remember us for it," he said. The "White Australia" policy has irritated hundreds of millions of Asiatics, who wanted to be friendly, but resented the brand of inferiority put upon them, he said.

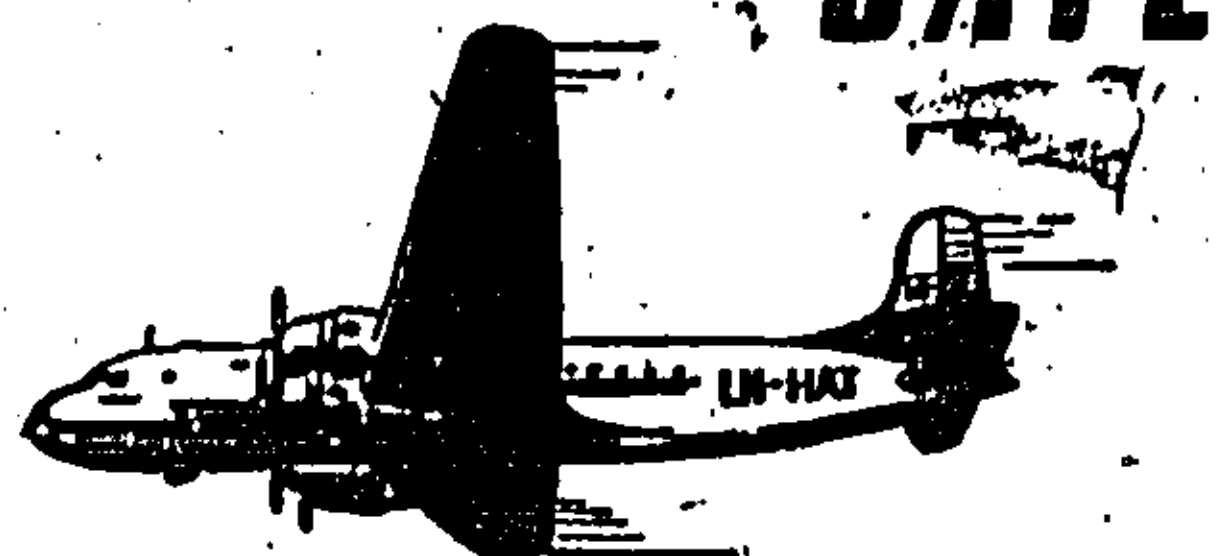
"Does it not appear probable that within a century or two it will be these people who will possess the earth? Is it not probable that we might be dispossessed of our present territories?" Archbishop Duhig added.

The "White Australia" policy prevents people of non-European origin from remaining permanently in Australia.—Reuters.

CHEAPER WHISTLES!

London, July 7. Heavily taxed Britons were advised by the Customs and Excise today that the 60.22/3 per cent tax on toy whistles and drums had been cut to 33.1/3 per cent.—United Press.

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WINDSOR HOUSE

Government Challenges Lords Restoration Of Common Citizenship Demand British Nationality Bill To Be Sent Back

London, July 7.

The Government today joined battle with the House of Lords over the British Nationality Bill by asking the House of Commons to strike out the amendments carried by the House of Lords against the Government last month.

The House of Lords, after objecting to the creation of a common citizenship of the United Kingdom and the colonies, had altered the word "citizen" on this context to "British subject."

The Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, said the term "Commonwealth Citizen" could be justified as an alternative to "British subject" now that India, Pakistan and Ceylon were Dominions within the Commonwealth.

"While no one in this House feels the slightest indignation at being called a British subject," he went on, "it can be well understood that those people who are not of British descent find it rather a difficult term to reconcile with the granting to them of nationhood and their recognition as independent sovereign powers within the Commonwealth."

In this, the second reading of the Bill, the Government were asking the House of Commons to strike out the amendments carried against them by the House of Lords last month. Another amendment was carried providing that nothing in the Bill should affect the status by British law of a citizen of Eire in respect of his right to be regarded as a British subject.

Opening the debate, Mr. Ede said the Bill was of the utmost constitutional importance. There had grown up a tendency to regard the term "British subject" as meaning a person belonging to Great Britain and to obscure its true meaning as referring to any person of the Commonwealth who was a subject of the King.

Applied To All

It was highly desirable that some definition should be discovered which would make it quite clear that it was a term which applied to every person in the British Commonwealth and Empire who owed allegiance to the King.

The common code system of nationality law in the various Commonwealth countries had now broken down. In 1945, Canada passed a Canadian Citizenship Act which completely altered the position and introduced an entirely new principle.

The Act established a citizenship for Canada and declared that Canadian citizens should be British subjects. As a result, the acquisition of nationality by descent differed in Britain and Canada. "It is undesirable that there should be people in the world whom British law may regard as British subjects but Canadian law may not regard as British subjects. It is highly desirable that we should, if possible, reach an arrangement with all the countries of the Commonwealth by which the wide family of British subjects should be composed of persons who can be easily recognised as such."

Irkome Term

The essential feature of the Bill, Mr. Ede said, was that each self-governing country should determine its own legislation who its citizens were, and should declare them to be British subjects and recognise as British subjects the citizens of all the other countries of the Commonwealth.

It would be disastrous to this scheme to create British subjects without passing them through the gateway of citizenship of each country. The Home Secretary said the subject had to be handled very delicately. It was a term which was not to be aroused in people who might desire to remain loyal to the Commonwealth but who sometimes found the word "British subject" rather irksome.

After the passing of the Canadian Citizenship Act, the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in 1946 was generally in favour of a change-over to the Canadian system, he said. The British Government's Bill was based on the report of a Conference of Commonwealth experts which had examined the problem later that year. The Government had reason to believe that its Bill had the support and adherence of each of the Commonwealth Governments.

Not Revolutionary

The changes made by the House of Lords against the wish of the Government would wreck the Bill, Mr. Ede continued. One amendment removed the term "citizen of the United Kingdom and the colonies" and substituted "British subject of the United Kingdom and the colonies."

Kingdom and the colonies," thus bringing people in the United Kingdom and the colonies into the general family without passing through what the Government ought to be the common gate of citizenship of one of the parts of the Commonwealth.

Referring to the House of Lords' criticism of the word "citizen" as Republican, Mr. Ede said: "I do not think there is anything derogatory or revolutionary in a person being called a British citizen."

"Some people think it would be a bad thing to give coloured peoples in the Empire the idea that they are, in some way or other, the equal of the people in this country. The Government does not subscribe to that view. We believe wholeheartedly that common citizenship of the United Kingdom and the colonies is an essential part of the development of the relationship between the Mother Country and the colonies."

Fellow Citizens

"We recognise the right of the coloured peoples to be regarded as men and brothers with the people of this country."

"We therefore shall ask the House to restate the original words in the Bill and delete those which appear to us to make complete nonsense of the idea of the development of this country and the colonies which has gained ground recently."

Mr. Ede said Britain could not admit all the backward peoples of the Empire into the full rights which British subjects here enjoyed. But, by linking the United Kingdom and the colonies, these people were given the feeling that Britain recognised them as fellow citizens.

Britain's object was to raise them to such a position by education, training and experience that they, too, would be able to share in the grant of full self-government which the House of Commons had given in the last few years to other peoples.—Reuter.

ALBANIANS WALK OUT OF BELGRADE MEETING

Belgrade, July 7.

Albanian delegates walked out of a huge meeting of Yugoslav, Albanian and Hungarian war invalids today.

Jealousy As Murder Motive

Manila, July 8.

Police today believed they had found a possible motive for the murder of the beautiful Filipino actress and radio star, Lillian Velez by a fellow actor.

Quezon City Detective Andres A. Bambao said evidence has been received that Bernardo Anzures, the confessed slayer, was professionally jealous because he had not been given the leading role with Lillian in the Manila-produced picture called "Enchanted."

An informant told Detective Bambao that Bernardo and Lillian had an understanding they would always co-star in pictures. The informant, whose identity was not disclosed, said that when he had talked with Bernardo at a night club, a few evenings before the slaying on June 27, he had been told by the young actor that Enchanted would be Lillian's last picture.

Anzures' arraignment was postponed today until July 10 by the Rizal Court of the first instance, to permit further mental examination of the prisoner.—Associated Press.

British Reply To Poland

London, July 7.

Britain is believed to have informed Poland in a note that she is opposed to fresh four-power talks on Germany unless there is a clear indication of Soviet readiness to break the deadlock between Russia and the Western Powers.

The British note replies to a Polish note of June 10, protesting against the holding of the recent six-power London conference on Germany and calling for renewed four-power discussions on Germany.—Reuter.

STOLEN GOLD WAS ON ICE

Bangkok, July 8.

Police announced today the recovery of about U.S.\$500,000 worth of gold from an air shipment stolen here on May 12.

The gold, in eight cases, was found in an ice factory in Prachuab in Southern Siam and returned to Bangkok.

Police said the owner of the factory was the niece of a Bangkok woman at whose ice factory 20 cases of the stolen gold were recovered on May 29.

The gold shipment, totalling 38 cases, was stolen while it was being taken to the airport for shipment to Hong Kong.

Police are planning to claim the 10 per cent reward offered by insurance companies.—Associated Press.

ARMY REBELLION PUT DOWN IN PERU

Lima, July 7.

The three-day rebellion of Army garrisons at Puno and Juliaca in Southern Peru has been put down completely, telephoned reports from Cuzco said today.

Described unofficially as a Right Wing totalitarian movement, the revolt ended with the flight of its leaders and the surrender of mutinous troops.

Lt-Col Alfonso Llosa, chief of the uprising, escaped into Bolivia, accompanied by other rebel officers, the reports said. Subsequently, the collapse of the revolt was confirmed officially and Party authorities said every effort was being made to capture the fleeing leaders.

Rebel soldiers at Juliaca were reported to have surrendered to Government forces following the example set by the mutinous Puno garrison, whose members claimed to have been deceived by their leaders and gave themselves up last night.

In the first despatch received here since the revolt began, the United Press correspondent at Puno reported that Government planes flew frequently over the rebel area and their presence appeared to have had considerable effect on the morale of the Juliaca rebels.

Commander Arco Reina, chief of the 15th Infantry Regiment at Puno and local head of the revolt there, was taken prisoner, the correspondent said. Civil guards took over the barracks occupied formerly by the rebels.—United Press.

WAR ON MALARIA

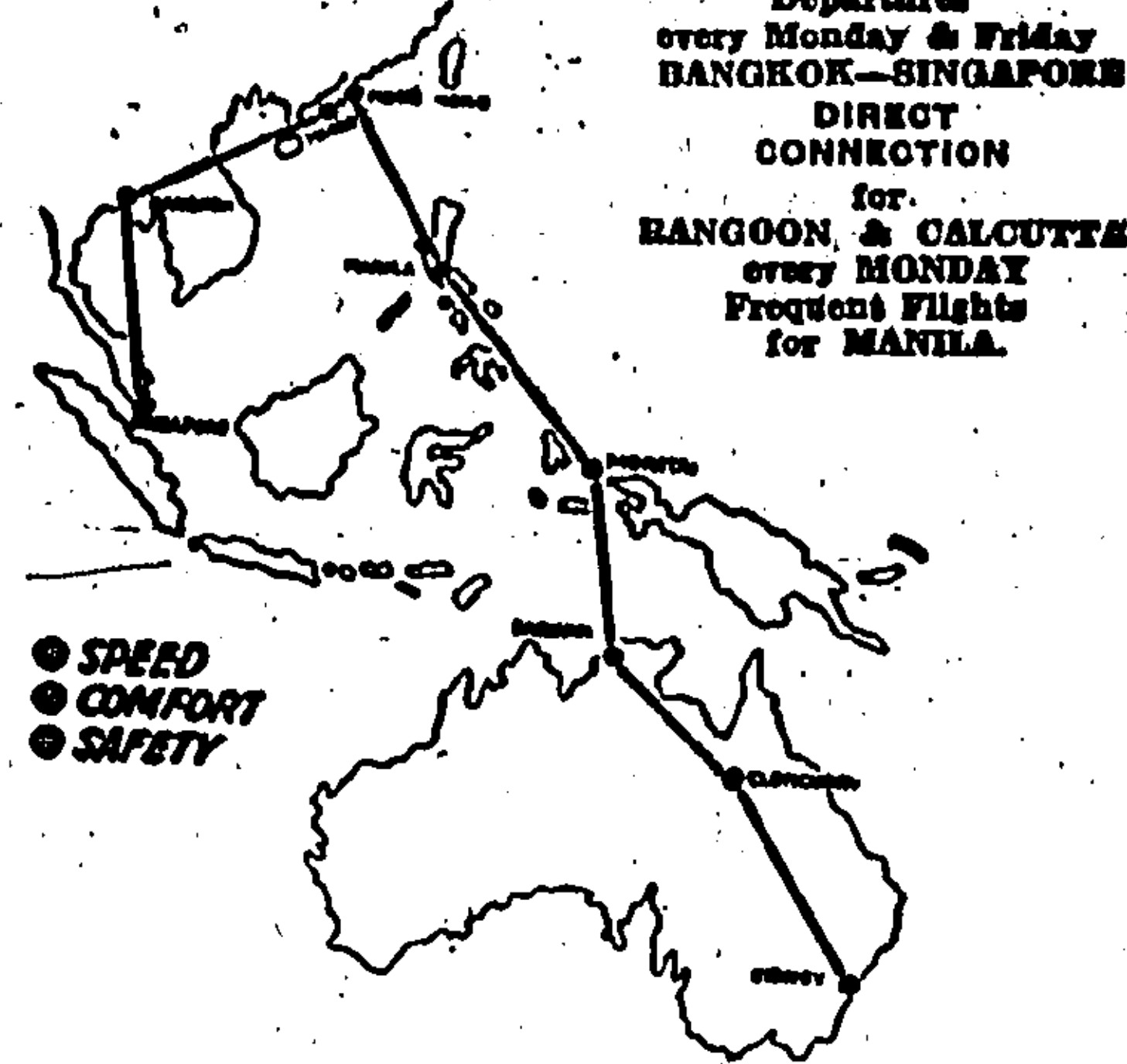
London, July 7.

The Empire must have a co-ordinated malaria control scheme if it is to keep pace with the world, Professor G. MacDonald, Director of the Ross Institute of Tropical Hygiene, told a Royal Empire Society meeting here today.

He said the full control of malaria was now possible under any conditions. Professor MacDonald said a co-ordinated public health scheme could include eradication schemes, similar to those now being carried out in Cyprus, Sardinia, and particularly Ceylon. Widespread schemes should be started to control malaria in all other populous areas by the DDT indoor residual spray, Bombay Province had done it in a very large area at an annual cost of 8d. per head.—Reuter.

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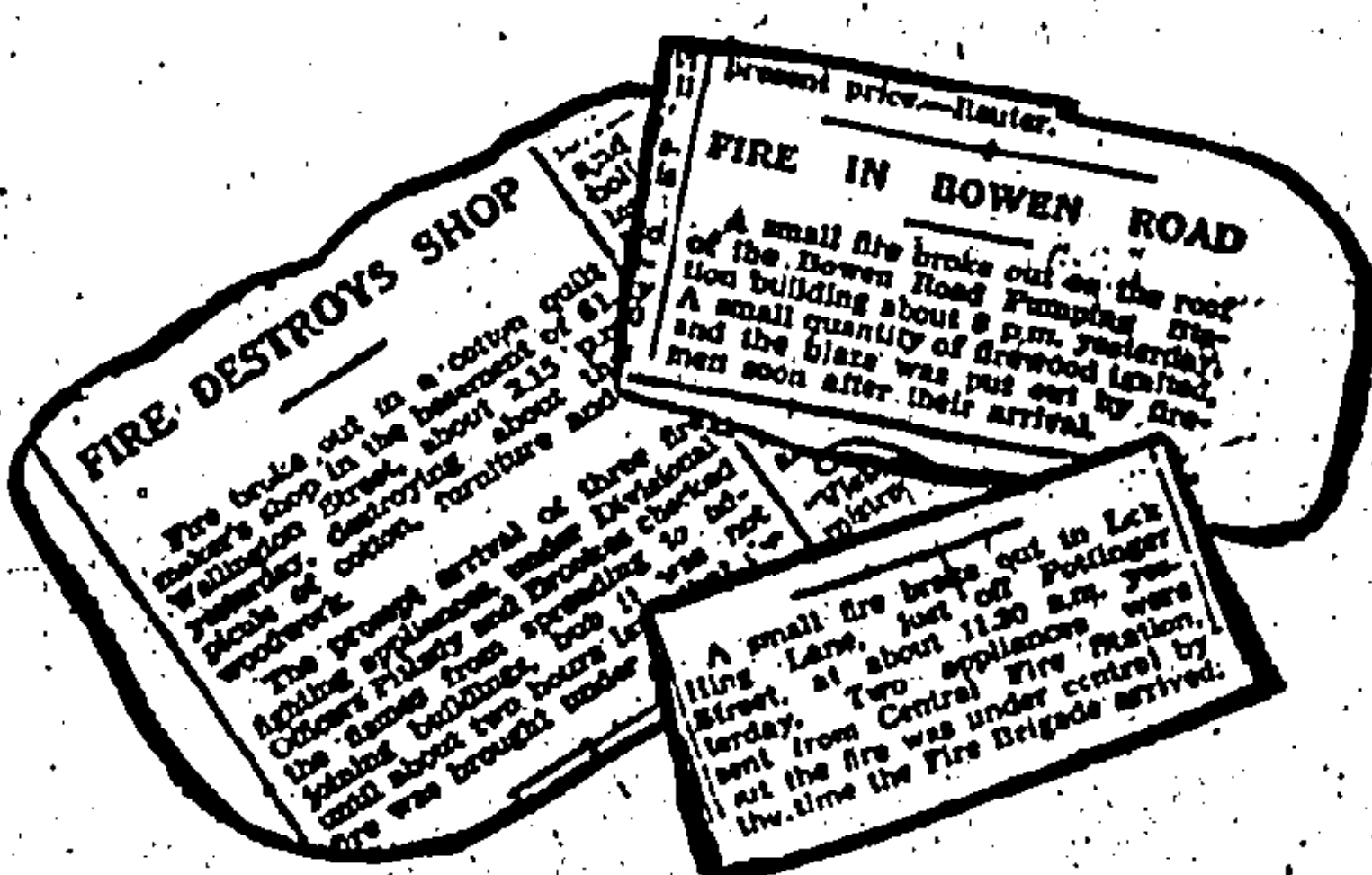
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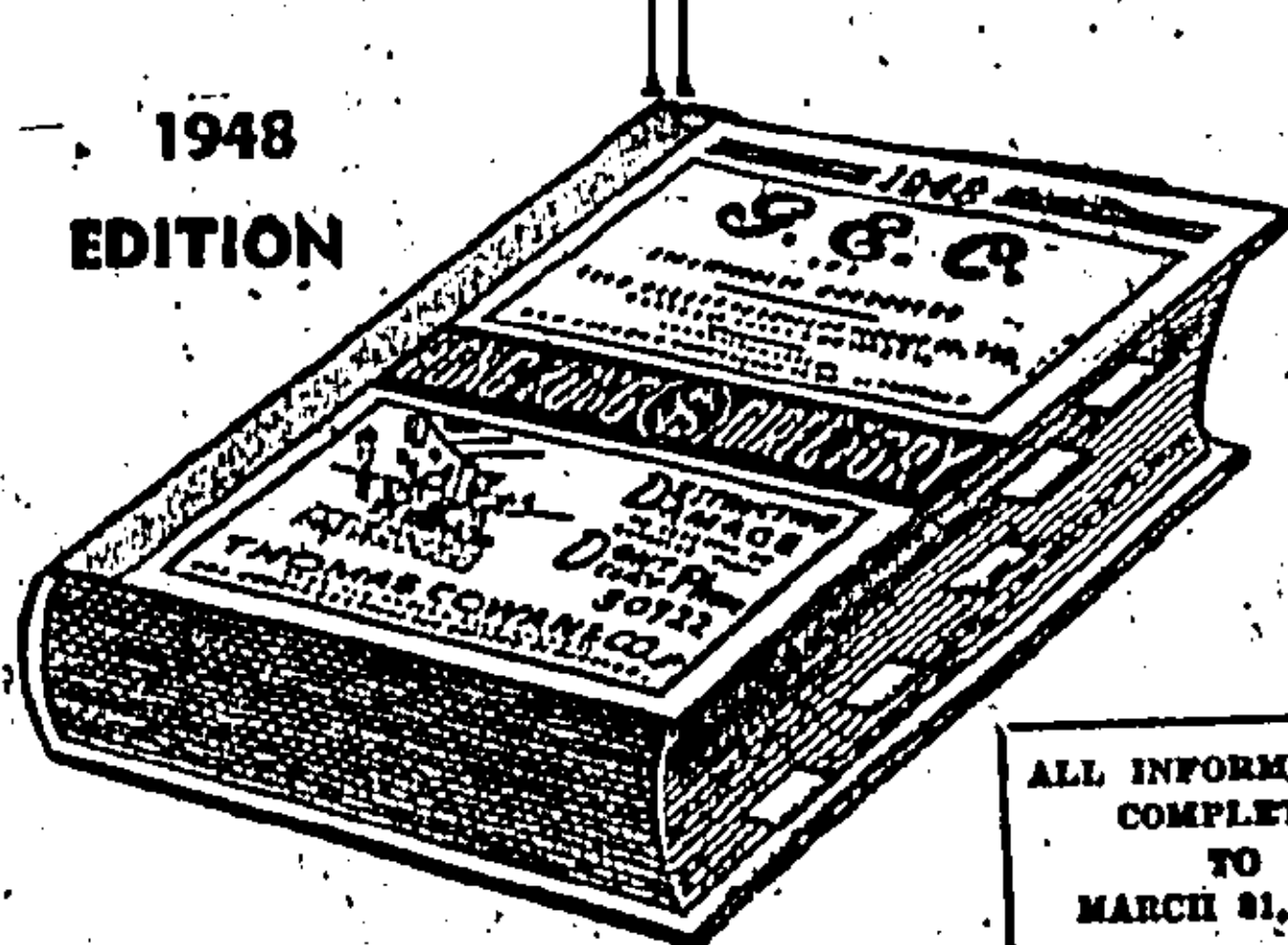
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CINEMA WORLD

TEMPERAMENTAL STARS

Prepare For A Surprise

Talking about film actresses: it is a general rule, with one or two exceptions to prove it, that those who have the sweetest dispositions and are personally the most popular are the least gifted as actresses.

Conversely, the best actresses are the most uncomfortable to get along with.

It has taken me some time to screw up enough courage to broach this. Now it is done, let us be odious.

Starting with Margaret Lockwood and Anna Neagle, you have two of the most popular women in the studios. Technicians love working with Margaret—known to one and all as Maggie.

She listens attentively and has the advantage of a phenomenal memory. She seldom "fluffs" her lines, and, greatest virtue of all, assumes that the director knows his job.

Anna Neagle is equally cooperative, though it is easier for her since she can argue everything out beforehand with her husband, Herbert Wilcox, who both produces and directs her pictures. Even so, Anna takes the trouble to remember people's names and ask after their babies.

No Femme Fatale

Then there is Anne Crawford. Now, Anne could not possibly be a great actress because her disposition is so gentle and unassuming that it is not within her nature to play convincingly the part of a femme fatale.

Phyllis Calvert is intelligent—too intelligent to throw temperaments and too intelligent, alas! to fling herself body and soul into a piece of mere play-acting. Rosemary John, Greta Gynt, and Sheila Sim are three more actresses who need never be out of work, since they waste the minimum amount of time in arguments.

Now for the "difficult" actresses. Ann Todd, even her husband refers to her respectfully as "The Boss." Valerie Hobson, at least two famous directors blench whenever her name is mentioned. Kathleen Ryan, and Siobhan McKenna, of Irish independence and traditional hostility to the heirs of Cromwell put them into the awkward squad. Vivien Leigh, well, she has been playing temperamental parts for so long I suppose it is second nature now.

Of course there are many poor actresses who try to establish their claims to greatness by throwing temperaments. And where does it get them? It gets them thrown out.

COMING ACTRESS

In the newly released Rex Harrison film, "Escape," Betty Ann Davies gives a strikingly sensitive performance in the brief part of a street-girl. Now she's been signed by Cineguild to play in "The Passionate Friends," with Ann Todd and Trevor Howard.



New star, Yvonne de Carlo, of whom more will be heard, wears here a two-piece swimsuit of green tulle with draped trunks.

Preston Sturges Producing A Comedy Of Errors

Preston Sturges continues an unorthodox career with a story he intended to produce as a picture some 14 years ago. It is called "Unfaithfully Yours" now, but was originally titled "The Symphony Story." He will produce it for Twentieth Century-Fox.

The reason he didn't film it before, he says, is that he could never get anyone to believe in it. A comedy of errors, it is based on the mistakes that occur when a famous conductor asks his brother-in-law to look out for his young wife while he is away, and the latter misunderstands him and has her followed by a detective.

The story stems, Mr. Sturges indicates, from a curious happening during his first writing stint in Hollywood. He was in a studio office working on a story. Some time after starting work he discovered that it was taking an entirely different direction than he had planned.

Well Plotted

Geating about for a reason— for he had it well plotted, and there seemed no excuse for the change—he discovered that the radio in the next office had been playing and that almost unconsciously he had been allowing the music to direct his thoughts.

The two chief players in the new comedy will be Rex Harrison and Linda Darnell. Supporting players will be Rudy Vallee, Barbara Lawrence, Kurt Kreuger, Lionel Stander, Edgar Kennedy, and Julius Tannen.

British National Folds Up

Two dozen wide-eyed children, a mother with a baby in a pram, and a reporter watched a British film company die quietly in a side-street at Harrow (Eng) this week.

The company, British National Films.

After cameraman Jimmy Wilson had shot a street sequence of No Room At The Inn, director Dan Biria gave the final order: "Pack up, boys and girls. This is the end."

The reason: Lady Yule, the boss of the studio, has decided that she can no longer afford to keep the studio running.

The mystery: British National, after making mediocre to bad pictures for many years, has managed, in the last 18 months, to get hold of a promising team.

The films Temptation Harbor, Double Alibi, and My Brother Jonathan have come from British National.

One Sunday Afternoon

A few years back, Warner Brothers made a picture from James Hagan's play, "One Sunday Afternoon," with Rita Hayworth, James Cagney, and Olivia de Havilland in leading roles, but called it "The Strawberry Blonde."

The studio is again working over the play, but will add 12 songs and Technicolor, will give the leading roles to Dennis Morgan, Janis Paige, Dorothy Malone, and Don DeFore, and will call it "One Sunday Afternoon."

There is some doubt at the moment whether to call the film a musical or a romantic comedy with music. Probably it will be the latter.

Of the 12 musical numbers, six are new and six will be revisions of such songs as "A Bicycle Built for Two," and "My Merry Oldsmobile."

Hit originals for this film include a Waltz title song, "One Sunday Afternoon," a ballad, "Girls Were Made to Take Care of Boys," and a novelty song called "Some Day," about women's rights, which will be sung by Miss Paige and Miss Malone. Lyricist-composer Ralph Blane wrote it, with its 40 couplets, in an evening.

Raoul Walsh, directing Miss Paige two years ago in one of his pictures, told her then that he expected to direct a musical version of this play, and promised her the role she now has.

Don DeFore, as a likable heavy, was once a college glee-club singer, and, he says, has always been a party vocalist. He has disclaimed singing talent in his picture career up to now because he was fearful it might handicap his dramatic progress.

Dennis Morgan has the role of the dentist whose naive gets him into trouble. The screen play is by Robert Richards, an ex-radio dramatist. The producer is Jerry Wald.

Current Shows

KING'S—"The Shocking Miss Pilgrim."—Betty Grable and Dick Haymes in a first-class musical with a comedy background. The Gershwin, George and Ira, were responsible for the music and lyrics.

QUEEN'S—"Ramrod."—Joel McCrea, Veronica Lake, Donald Crisp and Don DeFore in a triangle story.

LEE—"The Unsuspected."—Joan Caulfield, Claude Rains, Audrey Totter, Constance Bennett and Michael North. A galaxy of stars in a crime thriller which gives Rains and Joan Caulfield tremendous scope.

ALHAMBRA.—"While There's Life."—Bob Hope at it again.

MAJESTIC—"The Locket."—Robert Mitchum and Brian Aherne, Laraine Day and Gene Raymond in a thriller.

STAR—"Abilene Town."—With Randolph Scott and Ann Dvorak.



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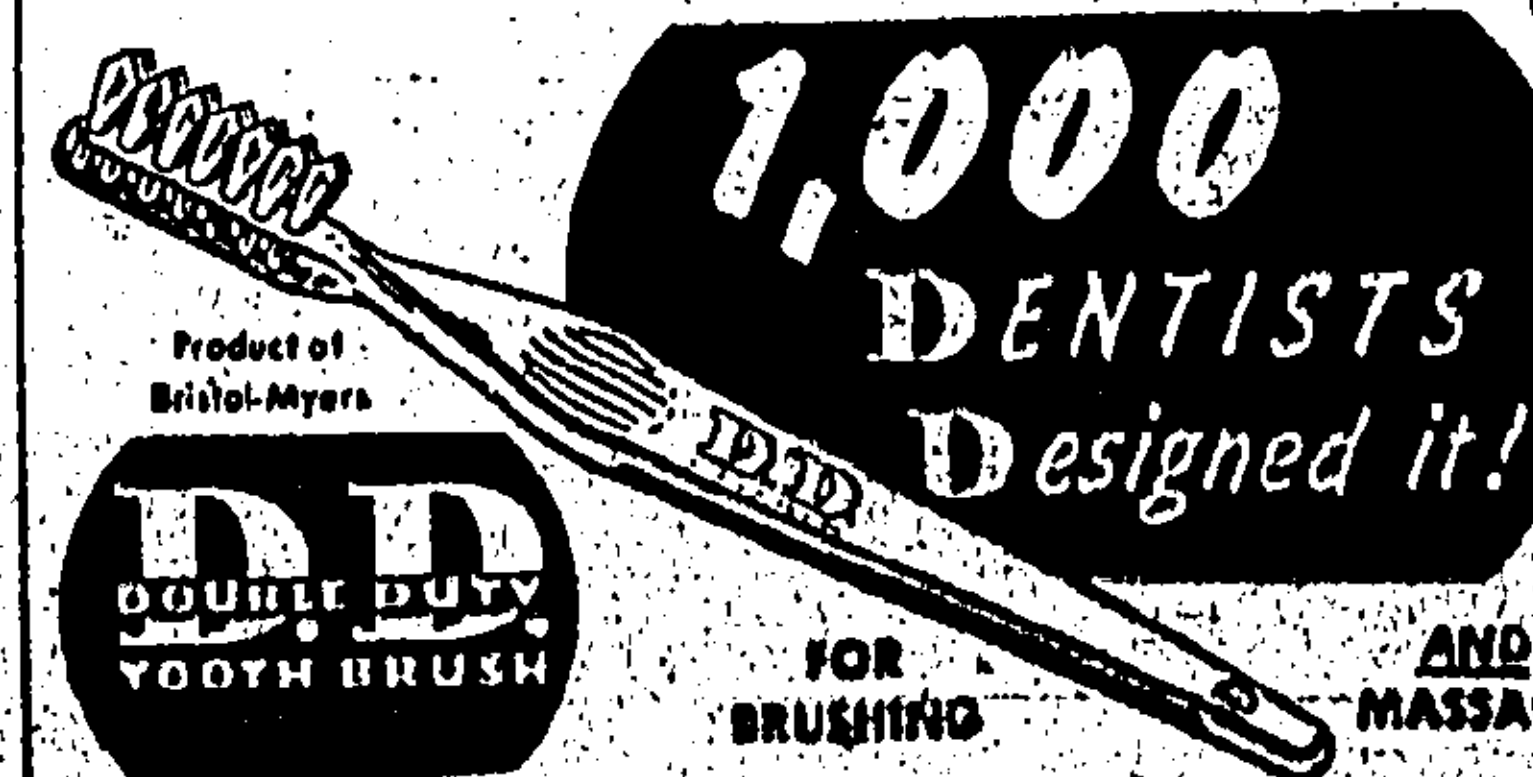
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EXTENSION OF TRUCE URGED

Security Council Sends An Urgent Appeal

RUSSIA'S EFFORT TO DELAY ACTION

Lake Success, July 7.

The United Nations Security Council today sent an urgent appeal to the Arabs and Jews to extend the four-week Palestine truce, which runs out at 0600 GMT Friday.

Council action came after a stormy morning session, during which the representative of the Palestine Arabs walked out in protest against a Soviet manoeuvre aimed at giving indirect United Nations recognition to the Jewish state.

Jamal al Hussein, representative of the Arab Higher Committee and nephew of the Grand Mufti, stalked from the chamber when the Council upheld the decision of its Soviet representative as the "representative of the State of Israel."

Only the Soviet Union, the Ukraine and Syria refused to vote for a British proposal to send an "urgent appeal to the interested parties to accept in principle" a truce extension.

The length of the new truce was left to the United Nations mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, to work out with the Jews and the Arabs.

Jewish spokesmen said they expected their Government to agree "in principle" to prolongation of the truce, although certain reservation as to terms might be attached.

Arab "No"

In Cairo, an Arab League spokesman said there will be no extension of the Palestine truce.

Asked if his statement meant that war would be resumed in the Holy Land on Friday when the four-week United Nations truce ends, the spokesman said: "I mean nothing else."

It was learned that if either party refused to extend the truce, Count Bernadotte would ask for a special three-day extension to give him time to evacuate "the true observation force" which includes 91 American, Belgian and French officers, 51 United Nations guards and members of the United Nations Secretariat.

In abstaining on the British proposal, Andrei Gromyko of the Soviet Union and Dmitri Manuilski of the Ukraine—Council President for July—repeatedly attempted to link the truce appeal to "suggestions" for final Holy Land settlement made by Count Bernadotte last week and rejected by both the Arabs and the Jews.

They charged that Count Bernadotte had completely ignored the partition decision of the General Assembly last year.

POLISH PROTEST REJECTED

London, July 8. Britain has rejected a Polish protest against the six-power programme for Western Germany which was drafted at the conference in London and is now being put into effect, it was disclosed today.

A similar American rejection is expected to be delivered to the Polish Embassy in Washington. After the London conference Poland protested that both it and the agreements it reached violated the Potsdam and Yalta accords on Germany.—United Press.

Inquiry Ordered

Prague, July 7. A Government investigation into the Sokol Slet (Bohemian name for the Sokol Society

Congress) was ordered at a session of the Cabinet today.

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Gottwald was elected President by Parliament after Benes resigned a month ago.

The broadcast said that "the question of future participation of foreign delegations in the Slet will be studied."—Associated Press.

Rex Harrison To Give Evidence

Hollywood, July 7. British movie actor Rex Harrison agreed today to appear at the Coroner's Office on Thursday afternoon for questioning about the suicide of actress Carole Landis.

Harrison had dinner with Carole last Sunday night, a few hours before she swallowed the sleeping pills which killed her. He also found her body on Monday in the bathroom of her home.

The Coroner announced that death resulted from an overdose of sleeping pills.—Associated Press.

Next For Atlee

London, July 8. Mr. Clement Atlee, who lost his parliamentary seat in the East London constituency of Limehouse, because of the redistribution of seats, will contest the next general election—in 1950—in West Walthamstow, another East London suburb.

Parliament recently endorsed a bill whereby the present university constituencies and several other parliamentary seats would appear.—Reuter.

Red Try At Nanking Frustrated

Nanking, July 8. Government troops, operating on the Honan plain, scored a decisive victory by wiping out the main strength of the Communist forces, thereby frustrating a Red march on Nanking, the Nanking official Central Daily News announced in an extra edition this evening.

The paper, quoting reliable sources, stated that up to last night more than 80,000 casualties have been inflicted on the Red forces which were originally estimated at 13 to 14 armies, totalling more than 200,000 men.

General Chen Yi's armies alone were claimed to have lost more than two thirds of their strength and the remnants are now retreating northwest across the Yellow River, the report said.

The Communists now remaining in the central Honan battlefield are said to be composed only of the shattered forces belonging to Generals Liu Po-cheng and Chen Keng.

With this Government victory, the Communist attempt to annihilate the Nationalist 5th and 18th armies with the objective to march on Nanking, has been frustrated.

The paper said that the Reds who took part in the battle for central Honan were under the overall command of General Chu Teh, Commander-in-Chief of all Red armies in China.—Reuter.

'Truth Drugs' Resolution

Paris, July 8. Paris barristers today resolved to take action for assault and battery on behalf of any accused person who is given "truth drugs" to extract evidence from him.

They condemned the practice as contrary to elementary human rights.

Their meeting follows reports that a man, awaiting trial for collaborating with the Nazis, had made incriminating statements under interrogation after he had been injected with pentothal, the "truth serum." Earlier, he said that he had lost his memory.—Reuter.

NEW KIND OF ANTI-RED DEMONSTRATION

Prague, July 7.

The Sokol Festival ended today with a new kind of demonstration against the Communist regime.

The demonstration took the form of shouting for Marie Provaznikova, Chief of the Women's Sokols and sole survivor of the "old guard" of pre-February Sokol leaders.

Eye-witnesses reported that after the harvest festival programme ended, the last group of women Sokol gymnasts who had just performed, stayed on the field instead of marching off as arranged and began shouting for Mrs. Provaznikova.

They said thousands of Sokol members then swarmed onto the field from the stands and milled around chanting "We want Sister Provaznikova."

If took officials more than an hour to clear the field for the Army units and tanks waiting to put on a general rehearsal for tomorrow's Army Day.

Half a dozen orders and pleas over loudspeakers and personal intervention by the Sokol head, Josef Truhlar, had no effect on the shouting crowd. They were not induced to move until it was announced that Mrs. Provaznikova had left the stadium and gone to her dressing rooms whereupon the entire mob rushed across the field and into the concrete boxes in front of the dressing rooms and then dispersed.—United Press.

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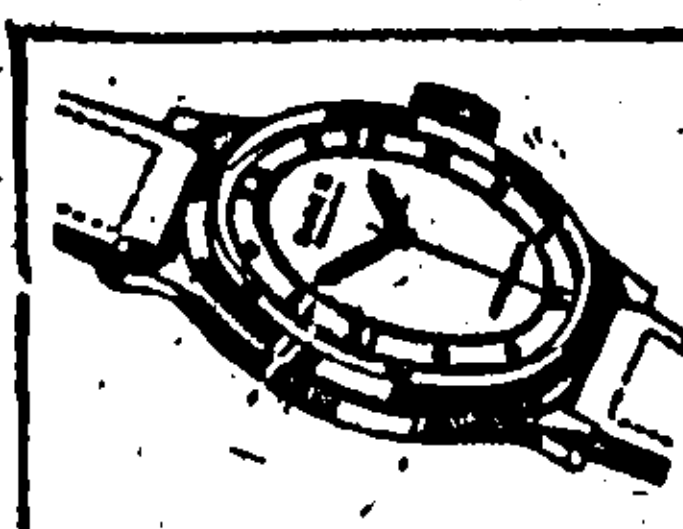
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ENGLAND'S TEST COLLAPSE

Manchester, July 8.

Two matches down, England made a deplorable showing in the first day's play of the third Test which opened at Old Trafford today, losing five wickets for only 141 by the tea interval.

NO GAMES INVITE TO ISRAEL

London, July 7.

No invitation has been issued to the State of Israel to compete in the Olympic Games beginning in London on July 29, said Mr. E. J. Holt, Director of Organisation for the Games, commenting on reports in Cairo that Israel representatives would take part.

NOURSE DEAD

Port Elizabeth, July 8.

Dave Nourse, South African Test cricketer and father of Dudley Nourse, who was vice-captain of the South African touring team last season, died here today.

OLYMPICS HOPES OUT OF ACTION

New York, July 7.

Two of America's best hopes for the Olympic Games, Gil Dodds, the miler, and Alan Ford, the swimmer, may not be able to compete in the Olympic trials this week for their places in the team.

WEEK-END BOWLING

The following is the Prison Officers Club Lawn Bowls team for Saturday.

A.S. Fleming, P. Lepiston, C. Jamieson and R.G. Robertson (skip).
R.S. Rosen, Dr. G.I. Shaw, J.B. MacGrath and Higgs (skip).
J. Burns, Cmdr. W.L. Harrison, L. Grey and A. Jillett (skip).
H.K.E.R.C.
The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Electric Club against the Prison Officers Club at (Ming Yuen) on Saturday at 4 p.m.
T.E. Boycott, F.H. Fell, W. Stenehouse and R.C. Butler (skip).
E. Poulson, J.H. Collins, A.G. Gardner and V. Boneh (skip).
J.O. Stokes, H.V. Pemble, C.W.K. (skip) and J.R. Bon-
H.K.F.C.
1st Team v. Kowloon Docks at Kowloon Dock: green at 3.30 p.m.
A. Coleman, B. Rickford, C. Gough and K. Robertson (skip).
J.S. Howell, J. O'Grady, J. Brady and J. Bebbington (skip).
B.A. Mansell, J. Hayward, Dr. Selby and L. Collier (skip).
2nd Team v. Craigengower C.C. on Club green at 3.30 p.m.
R. Barker, A. Bailey, G. Carr and K. Farrow (skip).
H. Dowling, J. Morgan, C. Strane and G. Willerton (skip).
L. Hamley, L. Strang, T. Waller and J. Dickson (skip).
The Second Division match, arranged between the Prison Club and N.C.C. on Sunday, has been postponed.

Denis Compton, severely injured shortly after he came in when he hooked a fast ball from Lindwall onto his forehead, resumed batting later and was 18 not out at tea.

England's new opening batsman, Washbrook, started uncertainly and a misunderstanding nearly led to Emmett being run out off the first ball of the match, when Washbrook should not have called him for a chance run.

Compton Injured

Edrich experienced considerable trouble against Bill Johnston, who moved the ball cleverly either way. Before luckily missing the bowler through the slips for four to open his score.

FILIPINO PLAYERS' SUCCESS

Birmingham, July 7.

In the English Midland Counties tennis tournament today, the two Filipino players, Felicissimo Ampon and Raymond Deyro, continued their successes in Britain.

IRISH TENNIS

Dublin, July 7.

S. C. Misra, of India, entered the semi-finals of the Irish open lawn tennis championships here today, defeating C. M. Jones, of Britain, 6-2, 6-2.—Reuter.

ANNUAL BASEBALL CLASSIC TEAMS

Chicago, July 7.

Five new players were placed on the National League All-Star team as the final results were announced in a nationwide balloting on players for the annual classic at St. Louis next Tuesday.

The American League team will be the same as last year with one exception.

The additions voted into the National League team were Andy Gordon (Cleveland), third base; Harold "Pee-wee" Reese, of Brooklyn Dodgers, short-stop; Eddie Stanky, of Boston Braves, second base; Richie Ashburn, of Philadelphia Phillies, center-field; and Stan Musial, of St. Louis Cardinals, left field.

WASHBROOK HEADING BATTLING AVERAGES

The leading six in English first class batting averages, up to and including matches which ended yesterday:—

Inns.	N.O.	Runs	Highest	Avg.
C. Washbrook	19	3	1,159	200
Dennis Compton	25	3	1,301	252
Laur Hutton	21	2	1,095	176
William Jones	22	2	1,071	212
J. F. Crapp	23	3	1,064	127
H. E. Doolery	25	4	1,058	167

Leading six in English first class bowling:—

Inns.	W.	Runs	Best	Avg.
C. Gladwin	393.2	109	801	69
C. Pope	414.3	117	917	85
F. Ball	463.1	172	859	89
H. Hazell	467	185	904	87
H. Wardle	641.2	254	1350	85
T. Pritchard	679.4	110	1575	95

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Olympic Soccer Team's Victory

Singapore July 7.

The China Olympic soccer team had to battle hard to beat Singapore by four goals to three in a return encounter here this evening. It was China's last game before proceeding to the London Olympics.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

The 1948-49 football season in Hong Kong promises to be less strenuous than the last, as fewer clubs have joined the two divisions of the football league and no visiting teams, apart from Interports, are expected.

China Ahead

Two minutes later China equalled through Man Chi off a pass from Wing Keung. The goal came following a weak clearance by Siah of Singapore, left full back. China took the lead in the 17th minute. Ying Kee, China inside left, slammed for goal, hit the cross bar, and Wing Keung dashed up to take a header on the rebound which entered the net.

New Applicants

The new applicants are Portuguese-Catholic Association and Army. With the old clubs there will be 16 teams in the Second Division. There will be no need of splitting this division into two sections or forming a third division. With this number of teams the football season should finish at the end of March.

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